



PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No: 15436.249.20

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Xie et al.)
Serial No: 09/617,736) Art Unit
Filed: July 17, 2000) 2874
Confirmation No.: 8309)
For: FIBER OPTICAL PIGTAIL GEOMETRY FOR)
IMPROVED EXTINCTION RATIO OF)
POLARIZATION MAINTAINING FIBERS)
Examiner: Kevin S. Wood)

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the communication mailed on May 24, 2004. The Applicant concurs with the Examiner's conclusion that the prior art does not suggest or render obvious the claimed invention. However, Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims in the above-identified application allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that distinguish the claim from the prior art and make it allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated May 24, 2004, please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified patent application:

X Issue Fee Transmittal (PTOL-85B) submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

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- X Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- X A Certificate of Deposit Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 is enclosed.
- X PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,333.00 is enclosed to cover:
- X The \$1,330.00 government issue fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.
- X The \$3.00 fee for one (1) copy of the patent when issued.
- X The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
- X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2004.

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